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From the Director of the Bennett Center



We now have *two directors* of Judaic Studies at Fairfield University: History Professor Gavriel Rosenfeld, director of the College of Arts and Sciences’ undergraduate Judaic Studies program, and me, in my ongoing role as director of the Carl and Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies. This past academic year, Gav coordinated the annual Rosh Hashanah get together and “model” Passover Seder; brought Dr. Samuel Gruber to campus; kept the University library’s Judaica collection up-to-date; and represented the program at interdisciplinary program directors’ meetings. I continued to bring speakers to campus; coordinated our annual Holocaust remembrance service; served as faculty advisor of KADIMA, Fairfield’s undergraduate Jewish cultural organization; and taught my annual ten-week adult “Lunch and Learn” class in the spring.

In addition, I worked with University Chaplain, Rev. Gerry Blaszcak, S.J.; Rabbi Jim Prosnit of Congregation B’nai

Israel in Bridgeport; and Elaine Bowman, program manager of the Bennett Center, to hold Kabbalat Shabbat services led by local rabbis in the University’s newly created interfaith prayer space. The positive response from Jewish and non-Jewish members of the University community to both the services and the traditional Friday night dinners that followed (offered free to undergraduates and their guests) was extremely gratifying. Reflecting the University’s commitment to creating a greater sense of diversity on campus, these services and dinners will be continued.

In 2010–2011, the Bennett Center sponsored or co-sponsored an unusually large number of lectures, discussions, and special events. Thanks to the faculty, administrators, students, and staff who worked with me in planning and taking key participatory roles, including Rev. Charles Allen, S.J., Patricia Behr, Rev. Gerry Blaszcak, S.J., Elaine Bowman, Megan Collins ’12, Jill Deupi, Philip Eliasoph, Alison Goldberg ’11, Kevin Goncalves ’11, Orin Grossman, Angela Harkins, Paul Lakeland, Marissa Lischinsky ’12, Diana Mille, Martin Nguyen, Jim Prosnit, Elyse Raby, Gavriel Rosenfeld, David Schmidt, Laura Stacey ’14, Heba Youssef, and Rabbi Dan Satlow, Rachel Gurevitz, and Suri Krieger. It was a banner year for Judaic Studies at Fairfield University!

Ellen M. Umansky, Ph.D.,
Director, Carl and Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies



College of Arts and Sciences

Fall 2010 – Spring 2011

Highlights and events...

September 14 Jewish New Year

Get-Together – Faculty, staff, and students gathered in the Bennett Center to welcome the Jewish Year 5771. Dr. Gavriel Rosenfeld, director of the University's Judaic Studies undergraduate program, presented a brief explanation of Rosh Hashanah, and everyone sampled apples dipped in honey and other foods symbolizing the hope for a sweet and happy new year.



From left: David Chaifetz, Dr. Ellen Umansky, David Kraemer, Fairfield University President Rev. Jeffrey von Arx, S.J., and Edith Chaifetz.

September 22-29 Sukkot

Experience – For the tenth consecutive year, members of KADIMA (Fairfield's Jewish student cultural organization) and students from Dr. Umansky's classes erected a sukkah on the plaza between Donnarumma and Canisius Halls. Afterwards, the Bennett Center treated "the builders" to a light dinner. Throughout the week, members of the University community had lunch and attended classes in the sukkah.

October 5 & 6 Annual Judaic Studies Scholar in Residence*

Dr. David Kraemer, professor of Talmud and Rabbinics at the Jewish Theological Seminary, New York City, spent two exciting days on campus. Dr. Kraemer's presentations included:

- **Jewish Eating and Identity Through the Ages** – A public lecture, which attracted over 180 students and individuals from the University and general communities.
- **Body and Sexuality in Early Rabbinic Judaism and Christianity** – A faculty Jewish Forum discussion, attended by sixteen faculty and staff.
- **Undergraduate class presentation and discussion** – A study session with Dr. Umansky's "Introduction to Judaism" undergraduate class of 30 students.

- **The Man on the Mountain: Moses and Jesus as Bearers of the Divine Law** – A luncheon discussion hosted by Congregation Beth El in Fairfield. Forty Jewish and non-Jewish clergy and community members participated in this event.

* The annual Judaic Studies Scholar in Residence program is made possible by a gift from David and Edith Chaifetz of Fairfield.



Singing with Alula are Fairfield University students (l to r) Emily Filiano '12, Faolain Barrett '12, Luke Paulino '13, and Joe Quinn '11.

October 12 In celebration of Daniel Pearl World Music Days, "From Ethiopia to America: The Music and Message of Alula"

Jewish-Ethiopian songwriter and performer, **Alula Tzadik**, related the fascinating story of his life and entertained an overflow audience with original arrangements of classic and new melodies sung in Hebrew, English, and Amharic. Alula's appearance at

Fairfield was co-sponsored by the Bennett Center, the Judaic Studies Program, and the Departments of Music, Sociology & Anthropology, and Religion.

October 13 "Writing as Resistance During the Holocaust"

As part of a month of enrichment programs at the Westport Country Playhouse, **Dr. Ellen Umansky** presented a lecture after a Westport Country Playhouse performance of *The Diary of Anne Frank*. The Bennett Center was one of sixteen organizations throughout the state of Connecticut that participated as a partner organizations, with the Playhouse.

October 26 Class trip to New York's Lower East Side – Twenty-eight students in Dr. Umansky's "Jews and Judaism in America" class spent a day visiting the Tenement Museum and the Eldridge Street Synagogue and taking an hour-long guided tour of the "Jewish" Lower East Side.

November 8 The thirteenth Jacoby-Lunin Humanitarian Lecture – Jared Cohen,

former advisor to Condoleezza Rice and Hillary Clinton, adjunct fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, and current Director of Google Ideas, presented "*Children of Abraham: Jewish and Muslim Youth in Dialogue.*" Over 500 people attended this talk, which focused on the impact of technology and modern communication systems on international and national events. The Jacoby-Lunin lecture is underwritten by the Frank Jacoby Foundation in collaboration with the Bennett Center and Fairfield's Open VISIONS Forum.



From left: Dr. Philip Eliasoph, Debby Zieff, David Zieff (Frank Jacoby Foundation trustee) speaker Jared Cohen, Fr. von Arx, S.J., and Dr. Ellen Umansky.

November 18 The 2010 Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Lecture in Judaic Studies, "The Hidden Holocaust: Archaeology and the Rediscovery of the Sobibor Extermination Camp"

Dr. Richard Freund, director of the Maurice Greenberg Center for Judaic Studies and professor of Jewish History at the University of Hartford, gave a presentation which demonstrated



From left: Elaine Bowman, Bennett Center program manager, Dr. Ellen Umansky, guest speaker Dr. Richard Freund, Janet and Fred Plotkin (officers of the Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Foundation), and Dr. Gavriel Rosenfeld.

how ground-penetrating radar, global positioning mapping, and other tools helped to unearth the exact location of Poland's Sobibor Death Camp. One hundred fifty audience members attended this lecture.

December 2 Hebrew Workshop I –

Seven undergraduate students attended this session in the Bennett Center, led by **Professor Judith Lerner**, to learn about the Hebrew alphabet and to speak a word or two of modern Hebrew.

December 6 KADIMA Chanukah

Party Members of KADIMA organized and hosted a gathering for over 40 students in the common room of Ignatian Residential College. Everyone enjoyed playing dreidel and eating potato latkas (pancakes) and sufganiyot (doughnuts), foods associated with the holiday.

February 9 The Third Samuel and Bettie Roberts Lecture in Jewish Art, "... Reflections of a Jewish Artist"

A number of campus events took place in conjunction with this illustrated lecture featuring award-winning artist and former graphic artist Norman Gorbaty of Great Neck, NY. Mr. Gorbaty's public lecture, which successfully attracted over 200 people, was made possible by the Samuel and Bettie Roberts Memorial Endowment Fund. Other events surrounding this lecture included:

- "*To Honor My People*" an exhibit of the artist's Judaic works featured in the Walsh Gallery of the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts.
- "*Works in Dialogue*" an exhibit of Mr. Gorbaty's drawings, carvings, and sculptures on a variety of themes held in the University's newly opened Bellarmine Museum of Art.
- **Three Noontime Gallery Talks:**
February 23 – Dr. Diana Mille, Walsh Gallery director, and Norman Gorbaty
March 2 – Dr. Jill Deupi, Bellarmine Museum director, and Norman Gorbaty



Artist Norman Gorbaty (center) flanked by his son Ben and daughter-in-law Shelley (left) and Larry and Agnes Roberts (right).

March 8 – Dr. Ellen Umansky, Religious Studies; Dr. Philip Eliasoph, Art History; and Dr. Gavriel Rosenfeld, Modern European and Jewish History

February 23 Panel Discussion, Does God Approve of Same-Sex Marriage?

An audience of 75 gathered in the lower level of the Barone Campus Center to join in a discussion about how different faith traditions have viewed gay and lesbian marriages in the past, and how these views are changing. Panelists included Dr. Paul Lakeland, the Aloysius P. Kelley, S.J., Professor of Catholic Studies; Rabbi Rachel Gurevitz, Congregation B'nai Israel, Bridgeport; Dr. David Schmidt, associate professor of business ethics in the Dolan School of Business; and Ms. Heba Youssef, Muslim chaplain, Fairfield University. The Rev. Gerald Blaszcak, S.J., University Chaplain, and Dr. Ellen Umansky, professor of Judaic Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, served as moderators. This event was sponsored by the Center for Catholic Studies, The Carl and Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies, and the Office of the University Chaplain.

March 10 The Carl and Dorothy Bennett Lecture in Judaic Studies, Jews as Global Citizens: Our Responsibility in the

World Ruth Messinger, president of American Jewish World Services (AJWS), presented an overview and analysis of the organization's efforts and accomplishments. AJWS is an international organization motivated by Judaism's imperative to pursue justice, and dedicated to alleviating poverty, hunger, and disease among all people regardless of race, religion, or nationality. Over 150 members of the University and general communities attended this impressive lecture, which was funded by a special gift from Carl Bennett of Greenwich, Conn.

Highlights and events (continued)...



From left: Carl Bennett, featured speaker Ruth Messinger, Dr. Ellen Umansky, and Robin Bennett Kanarek.

March 29 Hebrew Workshop II – A Taste of Hebrew and Falafel – Dr. Angela Harkins led this session for 13 students and other members of the University community. Over a lunch of fresh falafel, they learned to speak and read some Hebrew.

March 29 Judaic Studies Lecture, Synagogues and Jewish Cemeteries in Eastern Europe: Past, Present & Future – Dr. Samuel D. Gruber, author and curator at Syracuse University and the American Academy in Rome, Italy, spoke and shared numerous illustrative photos to an audience of over 100 students, faculty, and individuals from the general community. Dr. Gruber's visit to Fairfield was sponsored by the University's Judaic Studies Undergraduate Program.

April 5 Fourth Annual Lecture in Jewish-Christian Engagement, The Death of Jesus and the Revival of Jewish-Christian Relations – One hundred thirty people gathered to hear **Sister Mary C. Boys**, professor of Practical Theology at Union Theological Seminary in New York, present an overview of Christian interpretations and misinterpretations of Biblical passages dealing with the death of

Jesus and the resulting situations and obligations for Christians and Jews. This lectureship was co-sponsored by the Bennett Center and the Center for Catholic Studies at Fairfield University.

April 6 Passover Seder – Eighty-five students, faculty, and staff enjoyed this year's "model" Seder, led by Dr. Gavriel Rosenfeld.

April 10 Friends of the Bennett Center Donor Reception – In recognition of individuals, institutions, and foundations who have made a minimum contribution of \$100 to the Center for Judaic Studies this past year, the Bennett Center hosted a delightful afternoon of socializing and refreshments. A very big thank you to **Dr. Orin Grossman**, professor of Visual and Performing Arts, Fairfield's former academic vice president and former dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, for presenting an outstanding piano performance, *A Tribute to George Gershwin*.

April 12 Class Trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage – In conjunction with their "Faith after the Holocaust" class, 24 of Dr. Umansky's students toured this fine museum with gallery educators, and met Holocaust survivor Bronia Brandman, who shared her personal story with the group.

April 27 Annual Holocaust Commemoration – The program year ended with a special event held in observance of Yom Hashoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). More than 350 members of the University and general communities gathered in the Quick Center's Kelley Auditorium for a service and candle lighting ceremony led by students, faculty, and staff. A multi-media lecture presented by **Pierre Sauvage**, an Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker,

president of the Chambon Foundation, and Holocaust survivor, followed the service. Mr. Sauvage's presentation, "**A Time for Rescue: America and the Holocaust**," included footage from his films *Weapons of the Spirit* and *And Crown Thy Good: Varian Fry in Marseille*. The latter, which is soon to be released, details the little-known story of Varian Fry, an American journalist, who saved the lives of over 2000 Jews and non-Jewish opponents of the Nazis during the Holocaust.

Jewish Architecture and the Holocaust



The Program in Judaic Studies is proud to announce the publication of undergraduate director Gavriel Rosenfeld's new book, *Building After Auschwitz*:

Jewish Architecture and the Memory of the Holocaust.

Published by Yale University Press and scheduled for release in October, the book describes how, in the years since the end of World War II, Jewish architects have shed their reputation as chronic underachievers and risen to unprecedented international prominence. Whether as modernists, postmodernists, or deconstructivists, architects such as Louis I. Kahn, Richard Meier, Moshe Safdie, Robert A. M. Stern, Stanley Tigerman, Peter Eisenman, Daniel Libeskind, and Frank Gehry have made pivotal contributions to postwar architecture. They have also decisively shaped Jewish architectural history, as many of their designs have been directly influenced by Jewish themes, ideas, and imagery.

In explaining the origins of this "new Jewish architecture," Dr. Rosenfeld

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Kabbalat Shabbat Services & Dinners a Huge Success

This winter and spring, the Carl and Dorothy Bennett Center for Judaic Studies worked in conjunction with University Chaplain Gerry Blaszcak, S. J. and Rabbi James Prosnit, Senior Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel, as part of Fr. Blaszcak's effort to celebrate all faiths on campus by offering a monthly Shabbat service and dinner for students, faculty, and staff. An average of 45 people attended each of the three services.

In February, Rabbi Suri Krieger led those in attendance in spirited musical selections and prayer. A lively March service was jointly led by Rabbi Krieger and Rabbi Rachel Gurevitz of Congregation B'nai Israel. In April, Rabbi James Prosnit, Senior Rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel and University faculty member in Religious Studies/Judaic Studies, along with Dr. Lisa Grant led a lovely traditional Friday evening service.

The Bennett Center enthusiastically looks forward to offering members of the University community three such Friday evening services each semester.



Rabbi Suri Krieger leads the first monthly Kabbalat Shabbat service for students, faculty, and other members of the University community.

Spotlight on Students: Marena Wisniewski '12

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ACADEMIC PROGRAM: History (major);
Judaic Studies (minor)

HOMETOWN: Woodbridge, Conn.



Marina Wisniewski, recipient of the 2011 B'nai Israel Academic Achievement Award in Judaic Studies, flanked by Drs. Gavriel Rosenfeld and Ellen Umansky

WHY JUDAIC STUDIES?

When I entered Fairfield as a freshman, I had no idea the University had a Judaic Studies program, but after taking courses like Modern Germany and Faith After the Holocaust,

I knew this was where I wanted to be. As an interdisciplinary program, Judaic Studies encompasses such diverse subjects as History, Religion, and Art, which really helped me in exploring my interests at Fairfield.

WHAT INSPIRES YOU OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

The Bennett Center sponsors multiple events each semester, both educational and entertaining, and ranging

in subject from kosher food to the excavation of a Nazi death camp. Other events include the sponsoring of a University sukkah, a Passover seder, and a Shabbat service. All of these events add to the vitality of the program and help to make it extremely worthwhile.

WHAT'S NOW, AND WHAT'S NEXT?

As a Lipper intern at the Museum of Jewish Heritage: A Living Memorial Holocaust, I am able to use what I have learned in the Judaic Studies Program to teach children about the Holocaust, both in the classroom and at the Museum. My courses at Fairfield fully prepared me for the internship – most of the required readings were texts I had already read in one of my Judaic Studies courses. Not only did the Judaic Studies program prepare me for my internship, but it has also prepared me for life after Fairfield.

Did you know?

A total of 426 undergraduate students took Judaic Studies classes throughout the 2010-2011 academic school year.

LUNCH & LEARN SPRING '11

This year's class of 68 adults met with Ellen Umansky for ten sessions to study *Textually Speaking: Jewish Encounters with Modernity*. Congratulations to the following people who have completed five or more years of Lunch and Learn.

16 years:
Elaine Bowman
Yvonne Waynik

Charlotte Sachs
Barbara Schlig
Pearl Zucker

15 years:
Bernice W. Barkin
Bernice Epstein
Jackie Eskin
Millie Garrell

9 years:
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Henry Katz
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Carole Rubin
Walter Siff

14 years:
Alice Madwed
Bernice Resnick
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Madelyn Ghilardi
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Joan Starr
Lee Starr

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Beth Gold
Shirley Goldstone
Susan Kalman
Edith Katzen
Joan Rosenbaum
Hinda M. Wolf

6 years:
Roberta Cooper
Ruth Madwed
Valerie Newman
Anita Rosnick

11 years:
Bennett Katzen

5 years:
Barbara Abraham
Jim Abraham
Evelyn Hirshorn
Franny Jones

10 years:
Florence R. Josem
Marjorie Krubiner
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George Ruderman
Lisbeth Ruderman

"Jewish Architecture..." (continued from pg. 4)

points to important shifts in Jewish memory and identity since the Holocaust, identifying as particular catalysts the rise of postmodernism, multiculturalism, and Holocaust consciousness. Based on extensive archival research and interviews with leading architects, this richly illustrated volume provides an important new perspective on Jewish culture in the post-Holocaust world.

Looking Ahead 2011 Fall Programs

NOTE !! Dates & locations are **subject to change**. Check our updated September Program mailing or visit our website at www.fairfield.edu/judaicstudies for complete information. Spring program information will be mailed later in the year.

September 21 – Lecture: Dr. Steven M. Cohen, Research Prof. of Jewish Policy, HUC-JIR and Director of the Berman Jewish Policy Archive at NYU Wagner. *Changing Patterns of Jewish Identity in the U.S. Today*. 7:30 p.m., Oak Room, Barone Campus Center. The annual Scholar-in-Residence is made possible through the generosity of David and Edith Chaifetz.

October 4 – Lecture: Dr. Timothy Snyder – Yale University. *Bloodlands: Europe Between Hitler and Stalin*. 7:30 p.m., Dolan School of Business Dining Room. This lecture is sponsored by the Judaic Studies Program, in conjunction with the Bennett Center.

October 26 – Concert: Six 13: A Night of Pop-Rock Jewish A Cappella, an evening of music by an award winning Jewish a cappella group. 8 p.m., Kelley Auditorium, Quick Center for the Arts. This event is presented in celebration of the annual Daniel Pearl Music Days.

November 7 – Lecture: Atty. Barry C. Scheck, Co-founder and Co-director, The Innocence Project; Professor of Law, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York City. *DNA Evidence and the Saving of Human Lives*. 8 p.m., Kelley Auditorium, Quick Center for the Arts. The Jacoby-Lunin Humanitarian Lecture is sponsored by the Frank Jacoby Foundation and presented by the Bennett Center and Open VISIONS Lecture Series.

November 17 – Lecture: Dr. Adam Mendelsohn, College of Charleston. *Beyond the Battlefield: Jews and the Civil War*. 7:30 p.m., Dolan School of Business Dining Room. The Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Lecture is made possible through the generosity of the Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher Foundation.

Judaic Studies Undergraduate Course Offerings - Fall 2011

Judaic Studies courses remain as popular as ever with Fairfield's undergraduates. Students will have the opportunity to select from the following courses for the coming semester.

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Introduction to Religion: Sacred Writings & Their Representations – Dr. Angela Harkins

Introduction to Judaism – Dr. Ellen Umansky

History of the Jewish Experience – Dr. Ellen Umansky

Hebrew Bible/Old Testament – Dr. Angela Harkins

Jewish Interpretations of Scriptures – Rabbi James Prosnit

Women in Judaism – Prof. Maureen Dewan

HISTORY

Modern Jewish History – Dr. Gavriel Rosenfeld

Immigration, Ethnicity, and Race in U.S. History – Dr. Cecelia Bucki

MUSIC

The Life and Music of George Gershwin – Dr. Orin Grossman

MODERN LANGUAGES

Hebrew (Beginning) – Dr. Judith Lerner

Hebrew (Intermediate) – Dr. Judith Lerner

A Year in the Making...



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July 2010 – June 2011

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Thank you to Congregation Beth El for the donation of memorial candles for this year's Holocaust Commemoration Service.

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